

## The Children's Story Telling Club

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Dear Kiddies:—When I prepared last week's club I thought (perhaps) this week's club would be written while your editor was traveling, but since then I've been THINKING! It's thinking, you know, that makes people change their minds, and I've changed my mind. I've decided to write this week's club BEFORE I start on my trip so there will be no possible chance for delay or mistakes.

And NEXT WEEK'S CLUB! Well—I won't tell you what it's going to be. You just watch for it. Now we will have our letters.

Dear Editor:—I like your club. I have been reading the Children's Story Telling Club; I like it very much. I think it is very nice. I want you to please send me a membership card. Yours truly, Roy Shotz, Yuma, Michigan. Missing words—1 Years, 2 Mother, 3 Word, 4 Roof, 5 Head, 6 Lay, 7 Said, 8 Take, 9 Thought, 10 Head, 11 Lot, 12 Pull.

Roy—I am glad you like our club and I sent you a membership card which I hope you received. I am sorry that your Missing Words were sent in too late for the Contest, but we are planning to have other contests and hope you will take part in them.

Dear Editor:—I like the last story you wrote the best of all I believe. I will send the answers which I think are right for the Missing Word Contest. I am pleased with it very much. 1 Years, 2 Biddy, 3 Hand, 4 Roof, 5 Legs, 6 Show, 7 Said, 8 See, 9 Squawk, 10 Head, 11 Dignified, 12 Pull. If these are the first best answer please send me a nice story book because you said we could take our choice of a doll, game or story book. Good bye, your friend, Marion Cook, Leota, Michigan.

P. S.—My first name is Amelia but they call me Marion.

Marion—I was real sorry that your Missing Word list arrived too late for the Contest. The Contest closed, you know, on March 15th and your list was received much later than that. But never mind, we will have other contests and I hope you will take part in them. I am glad you told me which story you liked best and I hope you received the membership card I sent you.

Dear Editor:—I am reading the Children's Story Telling Club and I would like to become a member of the club. I am a little girl eleven years old and am in the seventh grade. I go to school most every day. I like my teacher; his name is Mr. Sevey. I have two brothers, their names are Curtis and Howard. Howard is in the seventh grade with me, and Curtis is going to high school. He is in the tenth grade. If this letter is

not too long I would like to see it in print. From your friend, Bernice Weatherbee, Berlin, Michigan.

P. S.—I would like to have you send me a membership card if you please.

Bernice—I was very glad to send you a membership card which I hope you received a long time ago. Your letter was not too long and I hope you will enjoy seeing it in print even though you did have to wait quite a while.

Dear Editor:—I saw your stories and thought I would like to join your club. I am a little girl nine years old. We just moved on a farm. I like it very much. I have a mile and a half to go to school but don't mind that. I have three kittens and a dog, and three cows and two calves. I got them all named. This is my first living in the country. I wouldn't go back to town to live. I have lots of fun here helping papa with the cows. Well, I must make my story short; I could write lots more. From Louise Speelman, Kewadin, Mich.

Louise—I like the country best, too. You wrote a nice letter and I was pleased to print it. Next time you can write "lots more" can't you? I hope you received the membership card I sent you.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the letters and stories and I think they are very nice. I would like to join the club very much and also the contest but I suppose I will be too late for it. I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. I have four little brothers and I am the only girl. If my letter is good enough I would like to see it in print. Yours truly, Anna Lockhart, Frankfort, Mich.

Anna—Of course, your letter was good enough to print; it was very nice indeed. I sent you a membership card. Did you receive it?

Dear Editor:—I thought that I would write and join the club. I am eight years old and I go to school and I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Beulah Cook. There are twenty-five children in our school. There are four children in my class. I have got one little brother three years old and his name is Donald. Well, this is all for this time so I will close. Dorothy Lawyer, Ada, Michigan.

Dorothy Dear—Thank you for a very cute little letter. I have a little girl named Beulah, and I have a little nephew named Donald. Write again.

Dear Editor:—Charles and I received our cards the other day. The editor of our paper is very sick. We haven't had the paper for three weeks and we are missing the stories. I missed my story. I received a letter from Melba Daniels of Lake Odessa, Michigan. She answered the riddle;

she got it right. Will you put it in the paper? The cards are very pretty. Is there any limit as to age in joining the Children's Story Telling Club? One of my friends told me that she was going to join the club. Charles said that he would write later. Who got the first prize and the pretty card in the box? I am glad that some one else got the prize besides me. But my card is very nice. Good bye, from Hazel Rice, Lewiston, Michigan.

P. S.—Rosa Pinkler from Conklin, Michigan, sent an answer for the riddle.

Hazel—Of course, I will print the riddle. Did you send it in with your letter? If you did it has been mislaid or lost—or, did you send it under separate cover? I am glad you liked the cards I sent you. May be if you could tell me which papers you missed I could send you a copy containing your story. Of course, you know who won the first prize by this time; also the second prize so I won't need to print it here. There is no age limit to joining the Children's Story Telling Club. We have some members fifteen years old and we have two grown-up members—your editor and another lady. This letter of yours, Hazel, should have been printed two or three weeks ago but for some reason there was a mistake. (There are mistakes sometimes, you know). Tell your friend that we would like to have her join our club.

Dear Editor:—I have all the words and hope I will get the first prize. If I should I would take a game. Yours truly, Esther Warren, Laingsburg, Michigan.

Here are the words: 1 years, 2 biddy, 3 hand, 4 floor, 5 legs, 6 show, 7 said, 8 see, 9 cluck, 10 head, 11 startled, 12 pull.

Esther—There was also a mistake about printing your letter: it should have been printed two or three weeks ago. But mistakes do creep in now and then in spite of all our carefulness. I hope you received your prize and I hope you will write another nice story for us some of these days.

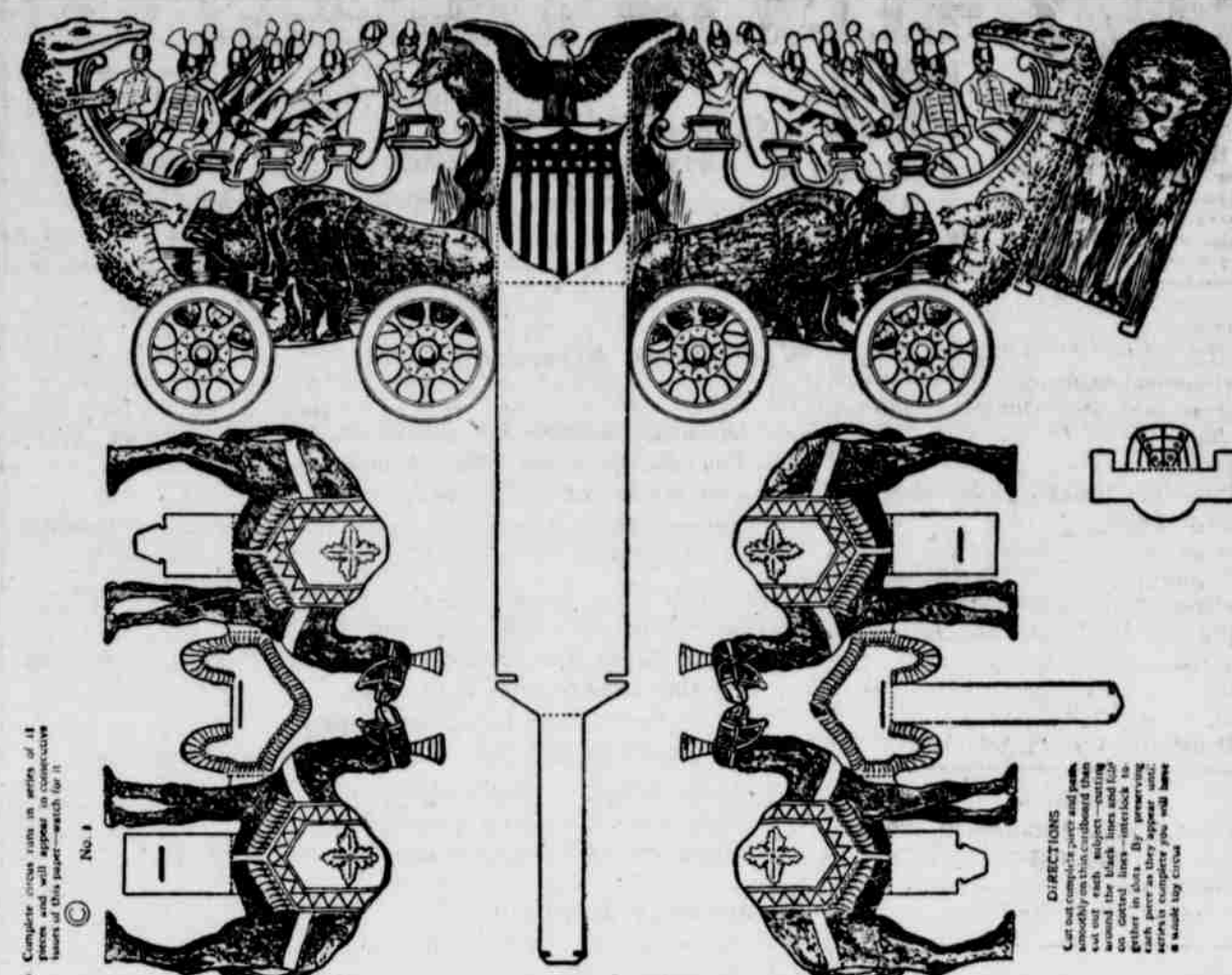
Dear Editor: I think the stories are very nice. I would like to join your club. I wrote a story once before and you didn't put it in. I have three pets; a cat, dog and a hen. Their names are Nigger and Daisy. The hen hasn't any name. I have two brothers; their names are Ilin and Lynn. Ilin will be four years old the eighteenth of October. Lynn will be two the thirteenth of July. I hope to see this in print. D. Thelma Graves, Conklin, Mich.

Thelma—I printed your first letter quite a long time ago and now I am printing this one. I am real sorry that I cannot print the letters as soon as I receive them but, of course, that is impossible because I have so many. Each letter must wait its turn, you know. Write again, Dear, and I will surely print it just as soon as I can.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the letters of the Story Telling Club ever since it started. I think they are nice. I would like very much to join the club. I have a pet dog named Ted, and two cats. They are very nice. If my letter is good enough I would like to see it in print. If it is

## Toy Circus For Our Boys and Girls

By G. R. Rathburn, Grand Rapids, Michigan.



NO. 1, BAND WAGON.

This week's offering is the Band Wagon of our circus. You will remember that the Band Wagon is usually the first of the show parade, so we will start with this and if you will cut out complete and paste smoothly (using photo paste) on light manila cardboard, cutting around the blank lines and fold on dotted lines—interlock together in slots you will have a complete Band Wagon. We have lithographed a few in four brilliant colors, showing the natural effect of each piece. Animals true to life, wagons beautifully decorated and spangled, side show banners and all tent pieces in gorgeous trimmings, in fact every arrangement of color schemes to make up the splendor of a circus outfit for the children. They are made of heavy tag board with a fibre filler that will last, and each piece is twice the size shown in this paper. The regular price is 50c but to any reader of this paper who desires a circus the same will be sent postpaid for one-half price, 25c in stamps or coin.

I will write again. Russel Annabelle, McBain, Michigan.

You can see that your letter was good enough, Russel, and we will be very glad to have you write again. I hope you received your membership card.

Dear Editor:—I will send you the words for the Missing Word Contest. 1 years, 2 biddy, 3 curled, 4 boards, 5 legs, 6 show, 7 said, 8 see, 9 peck, 10 head, 11 disgusted, 12 pull. Many thanks for the pretty membership card you sent me. Your little friend, Loraine Kraft, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

Loraine—Your letter is another of the letters that should have been printed three or four weeks ago. There were about a half dozen letters that were overlooked a few weeks ago through a mistake so I am printing some of them this week. I am glad you liked your membership card and hope you received your prize.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading your letters and stories and think they are very nice and have made up my mind to join your club. I am nine years old. I have one sister; her name is Olive Webster; she is five years old. I think these names are right, are they not? 1 years, 2 biddy, 3 ribbons, 4 roof, 5 legs, 6 lay, 7 said, 8 see, 9 pull, 10 have, 11 forlorn or sad, 12 pull. Good bye, Beulah Webster, Belding, Mich.

P. S.—Olive wants to join the club too.

Beulah, Dear—Your letter should have been printed some time ago but it was among those that were overlooked. I sent you a membership card; also a prize which I hope you received. I am very sorry that I overlooked Olive's name; but it is better late than never, isn't it, so I am sending her a membership card now.

Dear Editor:—I enjoy reading the stories very much and would like to join your club. I have two pets; a kitty and a bird. Have you ever read the "Bobbsey series"? Our teachers have read the "Bobbsey twins at the sea shore" and "The Bobbsey Twins." I attend school in the intermediate room of the Caledonia school. I am in the fifth grade. There are thirty-six on roll; of that number thirteen are in my grade. I am glad it's getting warm weather, so we can roller skate and play ball. If my letter is all right I would like to see it in your paper and would like to receive a membership card. I am ten years old. Your friend, Elouise Betzler, Caledonia, Michigan.

No, Elouise, I never read "The Bobbsey series" but I am sure I should like to. Vivienne Edithara Loves to roller skate too, and even four-year-old Beulah tries to put on "Sister's" roller skates, sometimes. You wrote a very nice letter, Dear, and I hope you will write again. I sent you a membership card.

Dear Editor:—I love to read the stories in the Children's Story Telling Club. I will try and write one too. I am ten years old. I have only a quarter of a mile to go to school so I can always go on stormy days too. I am in the sixth grade. I have two brothers older than myself. We have a dog named Fleet which we think a lot of. I sent you the Missing Words and received my membership

card and I thank you for it. I think this will be all for this time. Your friend, Naomi Louise Slater, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Naomi—Did you receive your Missing Word prize? You see, I sent so many that I cannot always remember the names of all the little members. If you did not receive one let me know. Your letter was very nice.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading the story Telling Club and think it very interesting. I would like very much to join. I have been reading it a long time. I like the story of "Barby and Fritz" very much, and also the "Fairy Shoes". I have been having the Whooping Cough and could not go to school. My little brother died January 18, 1915. His name was Ernest but we always called him Ernie. I miss him very much. Do you have to pay anything to join the club? Well, I will close hoping to see this in print. As ever, Miss Flora Gee, Elk Rapids, Michigan.

Flora—You wrote a nice letter and I was glad to print it. My little girls had the Whooping Cough about three years ago and they both coughed with it all one winter. I am glad you told me which story you liked best. I think "The Fairy Shoes" was a very nice little story, too. One of our little members wrote it. No indeed, Dearie, you don't have to pay anything to join the club. I hope you received your membership card. It is very sad to miss a dear little brother, Flora; but we should try to be as happy as possible because it is right to be happy.

Dear Editor:—I thought I would write a few lines again. This is my

third letter for the Children's Story Telling Club. On Friday when I come from school the first thing I ask my mama is: "Where is the paper?"

For I know where our page is. I like to read the stories; they are very nice. The best story I like is: "How Mabel and Monty played Indian." It is a very interesting one. I never forget your club. I have a sewing club in school. We used to sew at noon. We sold it and we bought a present for our teacher. I think I will join your contest and will give you the answers. 1 years, 2 biddy, 3 hand, 4 door, 5 back, 6 lay, 7 said, 8 see, 9 peck, 10 head, 11 awful, 12 peck. I send all my letters to Chicago to my aunts. Next time I am going to send them the whole copy to show them our nice paper for my cousins like to read stories too. I think my letter is going to get too long. Next time I will write about my two calves; I have all kinds of fun with them. I think I will close, so good bye. From your friend, Sylvia Levora, Buckley, Michigan.

Sylvia, Dear—I am awfully sorry that your list of Missing Words came in too late for the Contest. You see, the Contest closed March 15th and I didn't receive your list until after THAT DATE. But we are going to have other contests—DANDY ONES—some time this summer, and I hope you will take part in them. I am glad you like our club so well and I will be glad to get that story about your pet calves.

And now, Dearies, I must say good bye. Be sure and watch for NEXT WEEK'S CLUB—it may have a surprise for you.

## BOYS AND GIRLS PAINTING CLUB

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Send your name in if interested in painting and want to become a member of the club.



Dear Friends:—

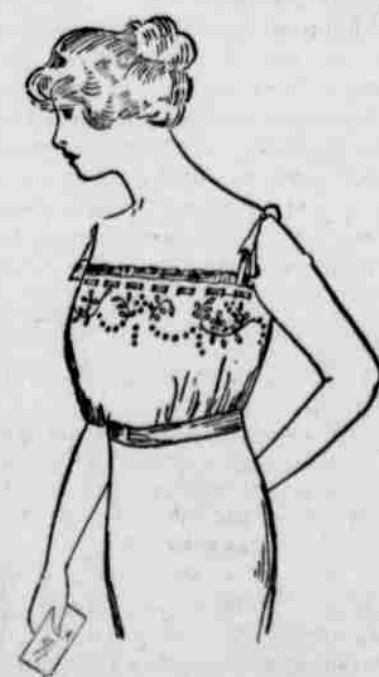
This week we will paint a picture of Grand River, perhaps some of you have seen Grand River, at different places or points, this is not the way it looks in Grand Rapids, as we have no beautiful trees shading the river. The most you can see here is Bridges crossing the River, several new ones were built last summer, and are now in use by the new Inter-Urban line. The tree, paint by using a little

green, brown and some places shade it with black. The leaves paint them green and make the foliage nice and thick, clear out over the river as you see it in the picture. The woods across the river use a dark green at the bottom of the woods, and at the top of trees a light yellow. The water paint it blue and shade where the shadows are, with darker blue. The grass also green, on this side where the large tree is.

Do your best on this one, so your standing will reach not less than (75) as per your membership card, remember your work will not be returned only once per month, and will not be returned unless stamp is enclosed. Write your name and address on each piece of work, so there will be no mistake in sending you your own work. Do not mount your work, but just fold it carefully and send it in a common envelope.

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